



Application No.: 09/524,587
Restriction Requirement of: July 14, 2003

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: 09/524,587
Applicant: S. Manabe et al.
Filed: March 13, 2000
Title: SURFACE LIGHTING DEVICE AND PORTABLE TERMINAL
USING THE SAME

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Examiner: C. D. Nguyen
Confirmation No.: 6215
Docket No.: MAT-7927US

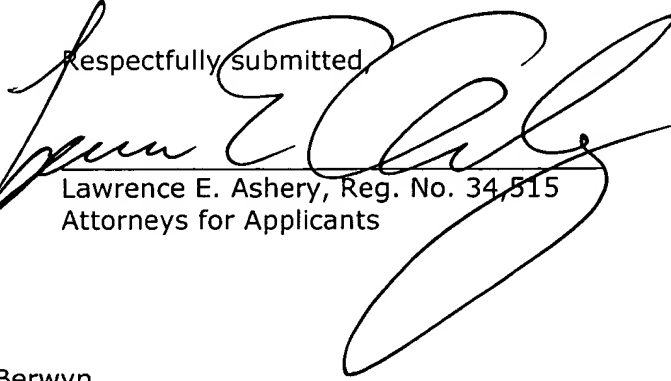
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated **July 14, 2003**, Applicants elect Species J of Figure 18, corresponding to claims 23-36 and 39-44, with traverse. The Restriction Requirement is traversed because Species J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R and S should have been grouped together. While claims 23-36 and 39-44 correspond to Species J, they also correspond to all of the above species as well.

Respectfully submitted,


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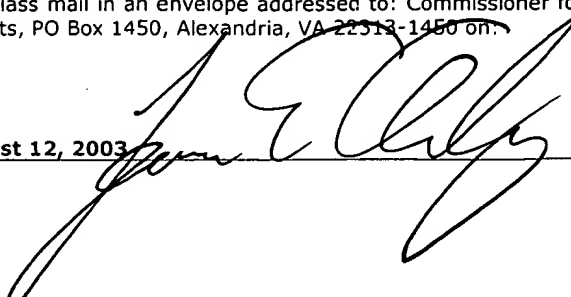
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